



## House Church Guideline Based on the SAC Sermon on April 18, 2021

**Sermon:** The Nature and Purpose of Church  
**Text:** Ephesians 1:1-14

### Gathering Guidelines

#### Take some time to worship

Play a worship song. Pray to Jesus. Be in His presence.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlcNbGrIFmM> King of Kings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xHVtE3BT0c> Crown Him/Majesty

#### Read

Ephesians 1:1-14

### Discussion Questions

1. In Ephesians 1:3 it says “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”

Being blessed in the heavenly realms means that every blessing we have received from Jesus is eternal and heavenly in nature. How have you been blessed by Jesus and how does it affect you?

2. In verse 11 it says “In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will. . .”

Jesus is working out His plan in your life. It started with saving you and giving you life in Him. This plan continues now as He is conforming ‘everything’ to His will. Does it seem that everything around you is

conforming to His will? Can you see your own life being conformed to His will?

3. It says in verse 13: “Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit. . .”  
Why do you think God would want to ‘mark’ you this way?  
What do you think this mark looks like?

#### Invitation and Mission for this week

Recently your group has been given the challenge to discern what your House Church mission should look like. Talk a bit about how this is going for your H.C. and how the Lord might be wanting you to serve others. . .

**NOTE:** We are excited to have an intern come and work among us starting on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Her name is Natasha Pomrenke and she is a student at Eston Bible College. She is going to be serving with DeeperLife@SBC as well as in SAC’s House Church ministry. Natasha will be building our House Church Guidelines over the next five weeks and will be visiting your house church gathering as well. So when you see her, make sure you make her feel welcome!

#### Pray for each other